

William Charles "Bill" Daniels Jr., age 83 of Manistee, Michigan passed away on Monday, May 23, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center in Ludington, Michigan.

He was born on March 18, 1928 and was the son of the late William C. & Bernadine (Bernier) Daniels Sr. of Eastlake, Michigan. He attended Manistee High School and graduated with the class of 1943. After graduation, he joined the United States Army as a Military Policeman and was stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He was honorably discharged on November 27, 1945 from the Military Police 677 Unit as a pistol sharpshooter with the victory medal. Upon discharge, he maintained his truck driving status as his career. He held the honor of a Fourth Degree Knight for 40 years with the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid hunter and donated his services whenever possible to Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Bill was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge Aeria #1765, the Manistee Moose Lodge # 1128, the Catholic War Veterans Post #1847, the American Legion Post #10, a member of the Disabled American Veterans Salt City Chapter #43, a life member of the Knights of Columbus Monsignor J.M. Steffes Council #853 as well as a life member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church all of Manistee.

He loved his family and is survived by his beloved wife, Evelyn L. (Regina) Daniels, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 5, 2011, and is also survived by his four children, Susan K. Smith, William C. (Julie) Daniels III, Deborah Wilsey and Jeannette Forbes and Anna Ramos a foreign exchange student from Chile that became part of their family in 1970 along with her son Cristian, his grandchildren, Samantha (Scott) VanAelst, Amanda (John) Shumaker, Travis (Jenni) Aultman, Jackie (Devin) Davidson, Daniel (Justine) Aultman, Alex Smith, Rebecca Forbes, Melissa Daniels, Sydney Forbes, Cristian Saavedra, Ian, Karl, Meade & Leslie Fannesbeck, his great grandchildren, Austin & Ashley VanAelst, Madison & Kaitlyn Shumaker, Kaeden Hendrickson, Jordyn Aultman, Aiden Aultman, Dean Davidson and Cole, Ellie, Madison & Karson Fannesbeck and his sister-in-law, Clementine O'Brien. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and also a granddaughter Priscilla Marie Aultman.

According to Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant and Reverend Edward Boucher concelebrant. Immediately following Bill's Memorial Mass members of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad of Manistee will present military honors.

The family will receive friends at the church Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. up until time of service at 11:00 a.m.

A Memorial has been established in Bill's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Thursday morning.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.